

# **Early French Environmentalists**

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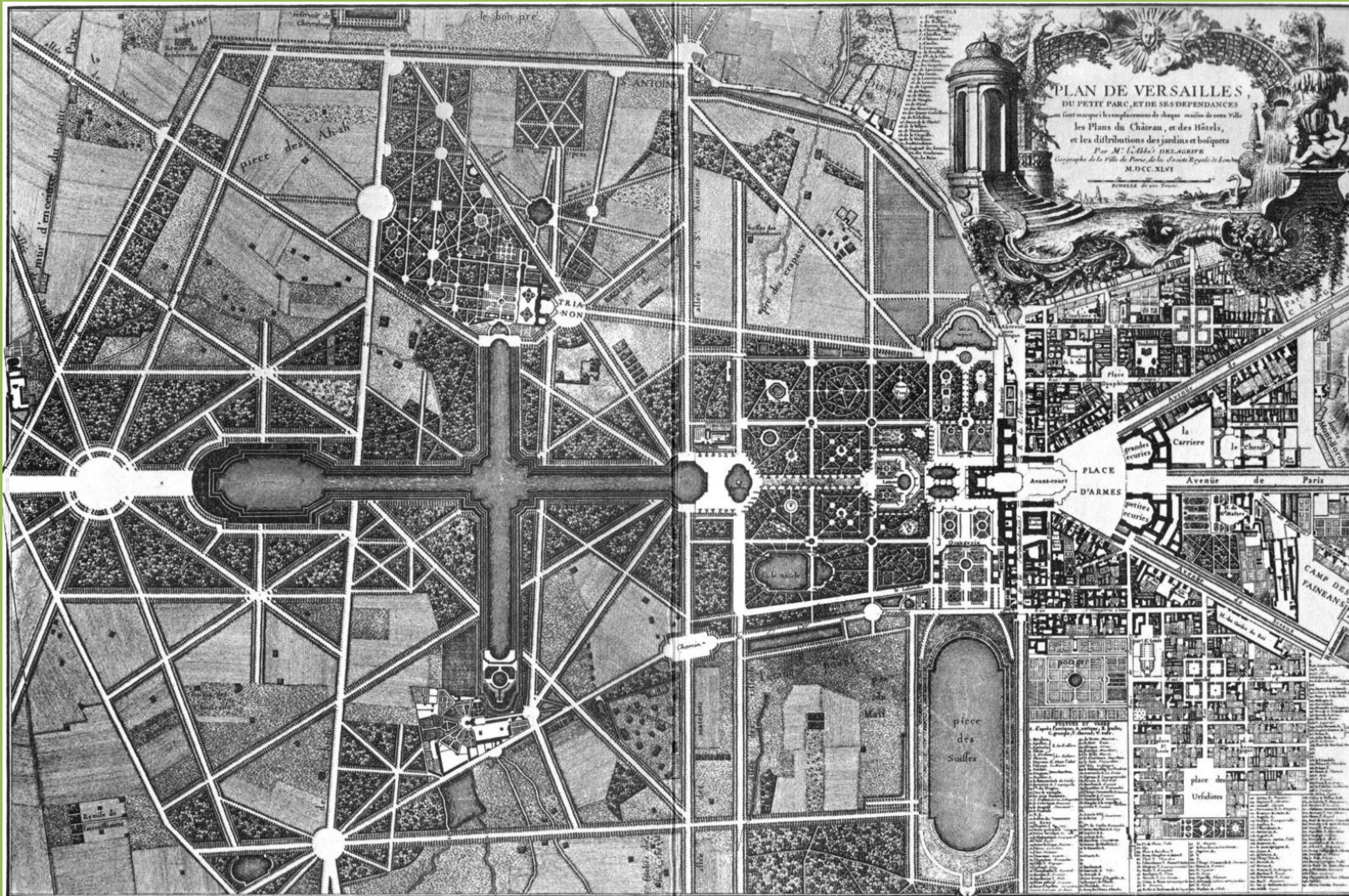


**We make ourselves  
masters and possessors  
of nature.**

René Descartes (1596 – 1650)



# Versailles (plan, 1746, Jean Delagrive)







Blaise Pascal  
1623–1662



Michel de Montaigne  
1533–1592



Jean-Jacques Rousseau  
1712–1778





François I (1494–1547)  
By Jean Clouet

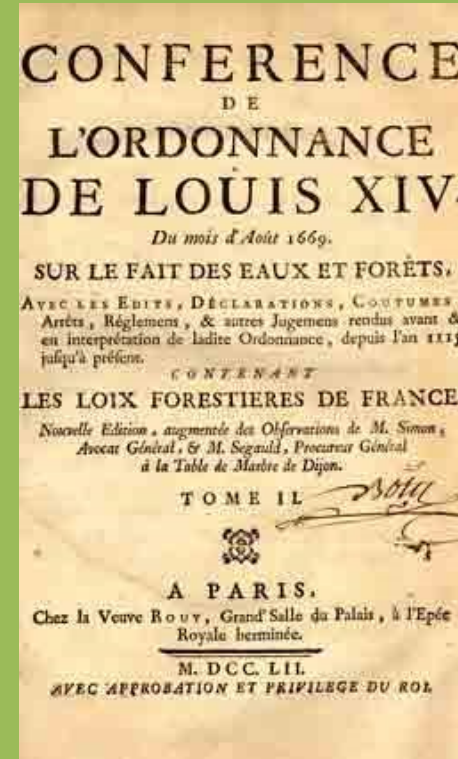
Chambord, Loir et Cher, France



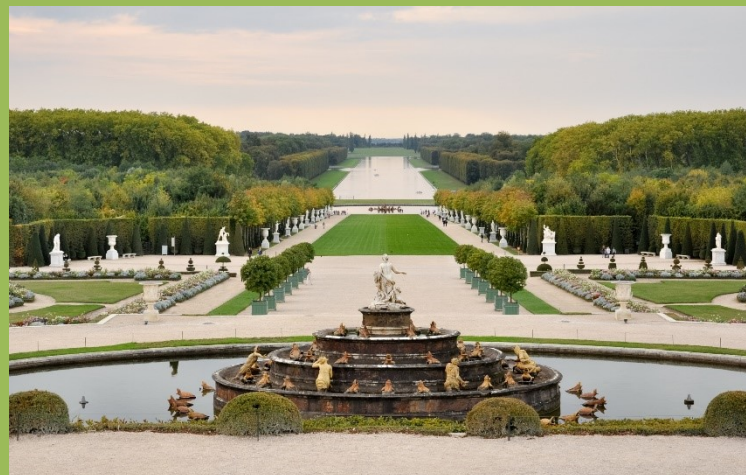




The “Sun King”  
Louis XIV (1638-1715)  
By Hyacinthe Rigaud in 1701

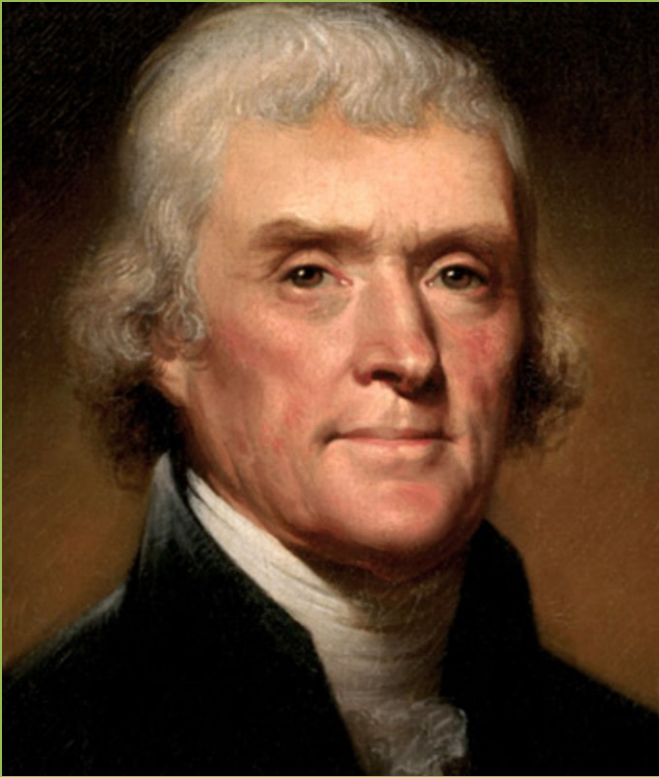


Colbert (1619–1683)  
By Philippe de Champaigne  
In 1666

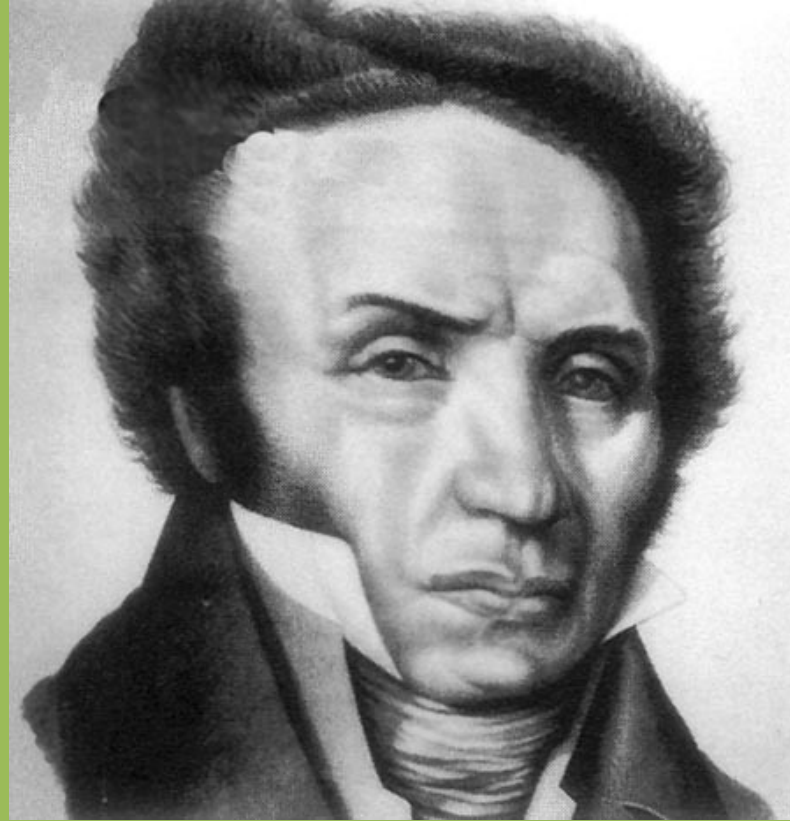


Versailles





Thomas Jefferson  
By Rembrandt Peale, 1799



André Michaux  
1746–1802

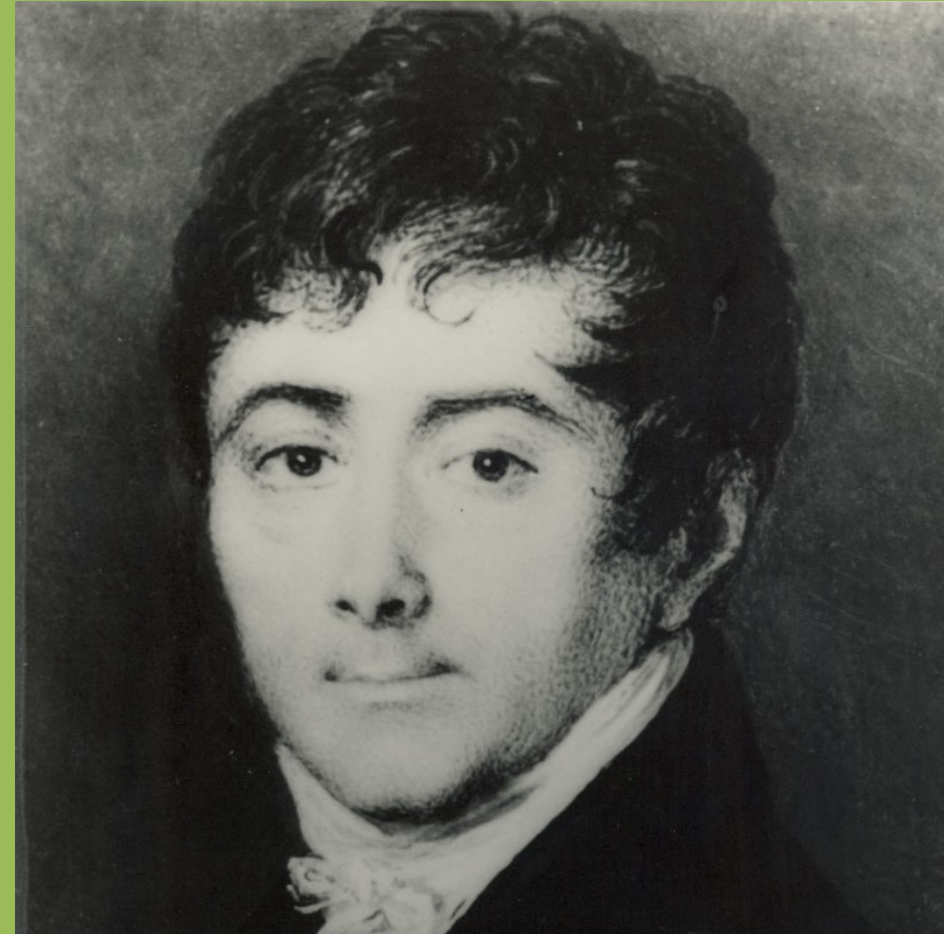


Louis XVI (1754–1793)  
By Antoine Callet in 1779

“One century of man weighs heavier  
on the earth than twenty centuries of nature.”



Jules Michelet (1798–1874)

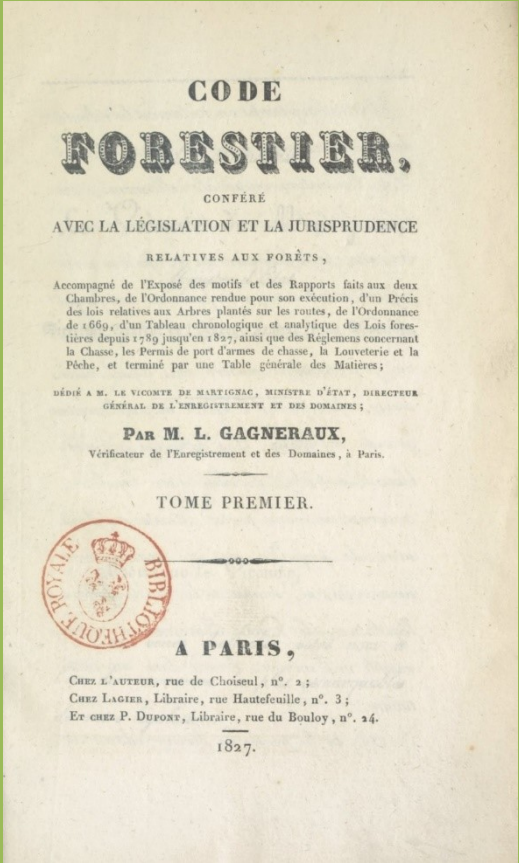


Louis Ramond de Carbonnières (1755–1827)

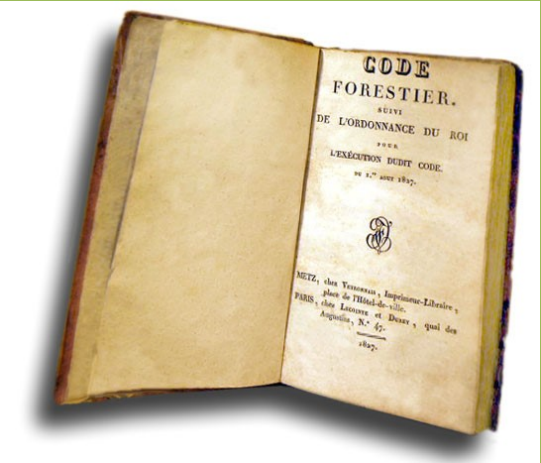


# Nancy – Ecole Nationale Forestière

## Today and 1898



Gifford Pinchot (1865–1946) with Theodore Roosevelt



## Edouard Baldus, The Floods of 1856, Avignon





## Map of Forest of Fontainebleau, 1895



Napoléon III (1808–1873)  
By Hippolyte Flandrin, in  
1863



Théodore Rousseau (1812–  
1867) By Nadar, after 1855

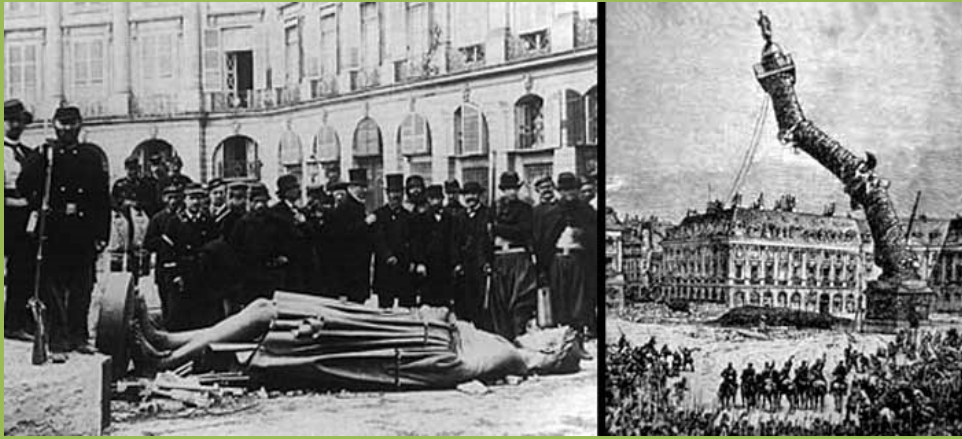


# Théodore Rousseau

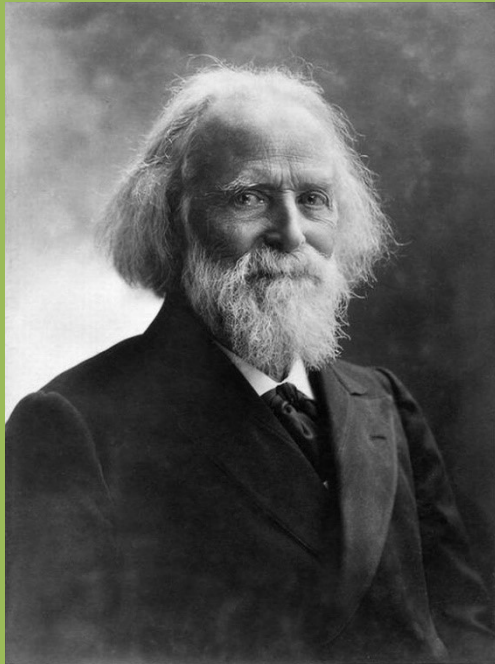


Great Oaks of Bas-Breau, 1864  
Landscape with farmland – land clearing 1832  
Study of Tree Trunks, 1833

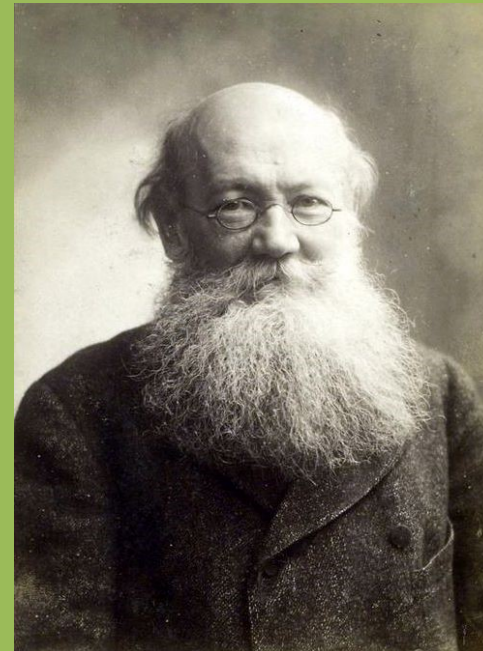




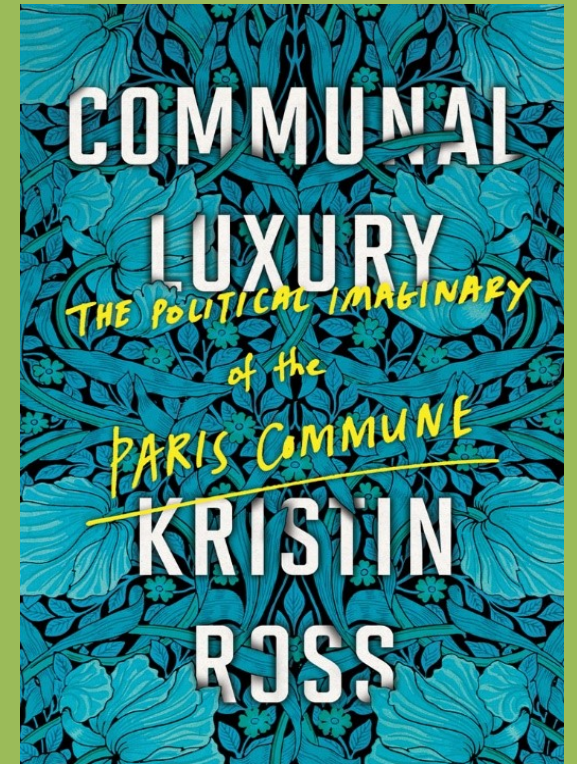
**Paris Commune**  
Demolition of Vendôme Column  
16 May 1871



**Elisee Reclus**  
(1830–1905)  
By Nadar



**Peter Kropotkin**  
1842–1921  
ca. 1900



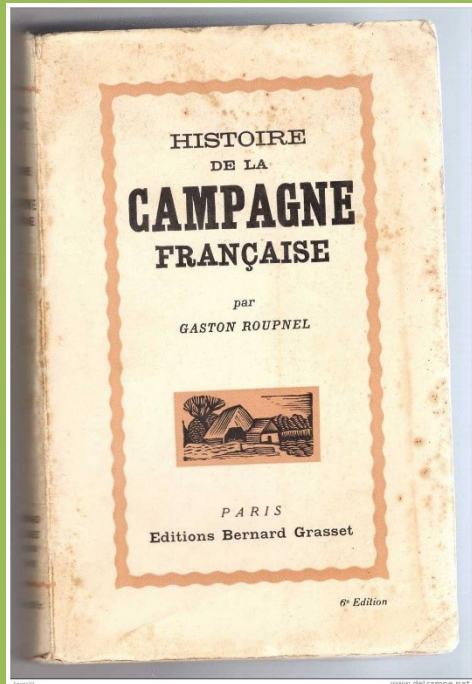
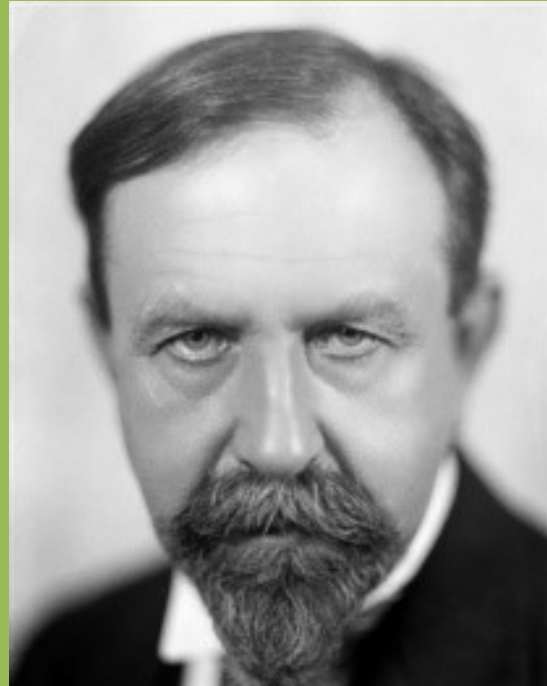
Notes sur l'Eucalyptus et subsidiairement sur la nécessité du reboisement de l'Algérie  
M. Trottier. Alger : Typ. et lithographie de F. Paysant, 1870-1899?

Ford, Caroline. "Nature, Culture, and Conservation in France and Her Colonies, 1840-1940." Past and Present 183, May 2004 (2004): 173-98.

<u>Preservation</u>	vs.	<u>Conservation</u>
Metropolitan France		Colonies
Historical and cultural		Landscape management
Protect patrimony		Prevent devastation



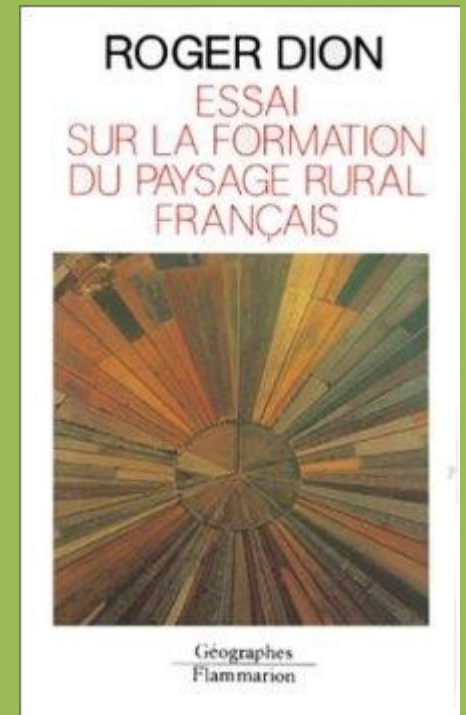
## Gaston Roupnel (1871–1946)



1932

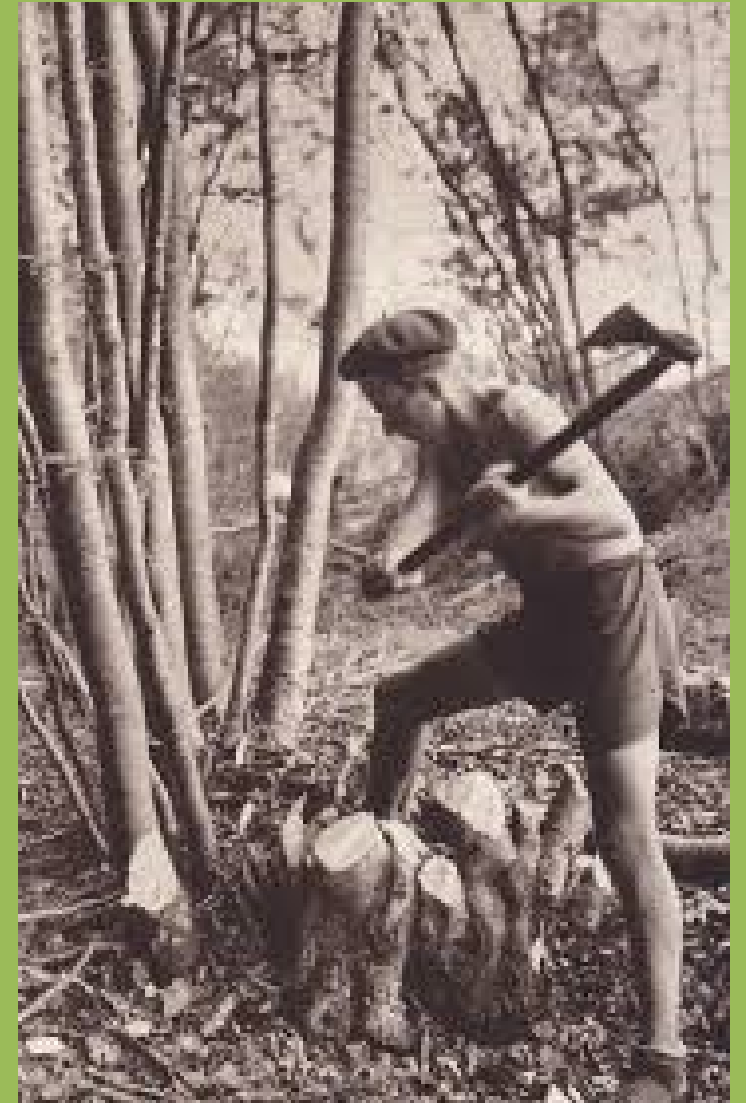


## Roger Dion 1896–1981



## Les Chantiers de la Jeunesse

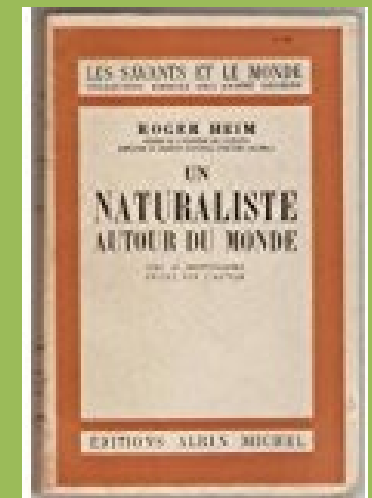
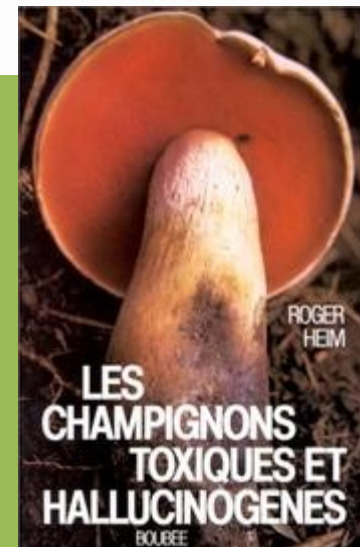
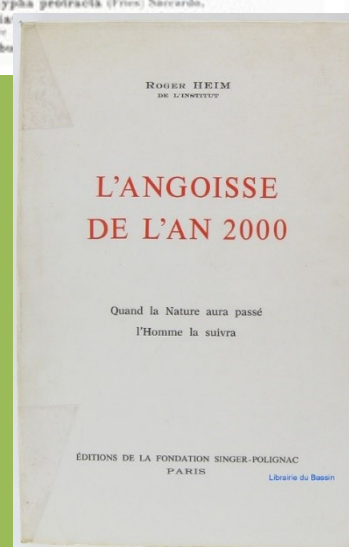
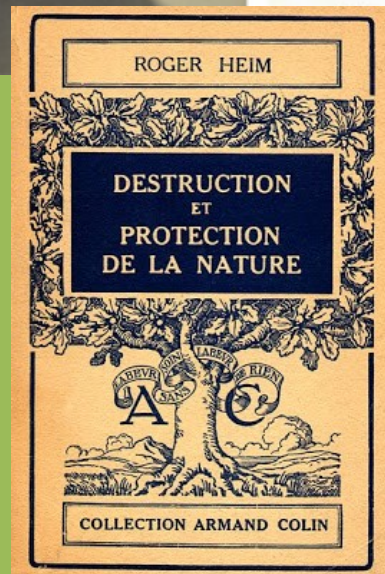
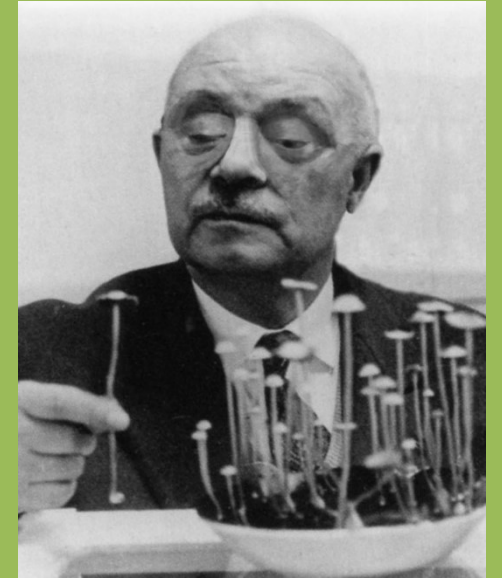
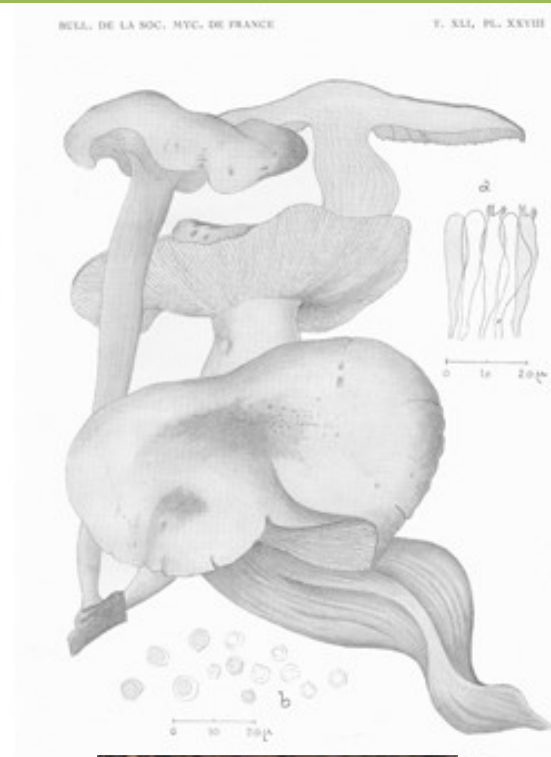
Vichy Government – 1940–1944

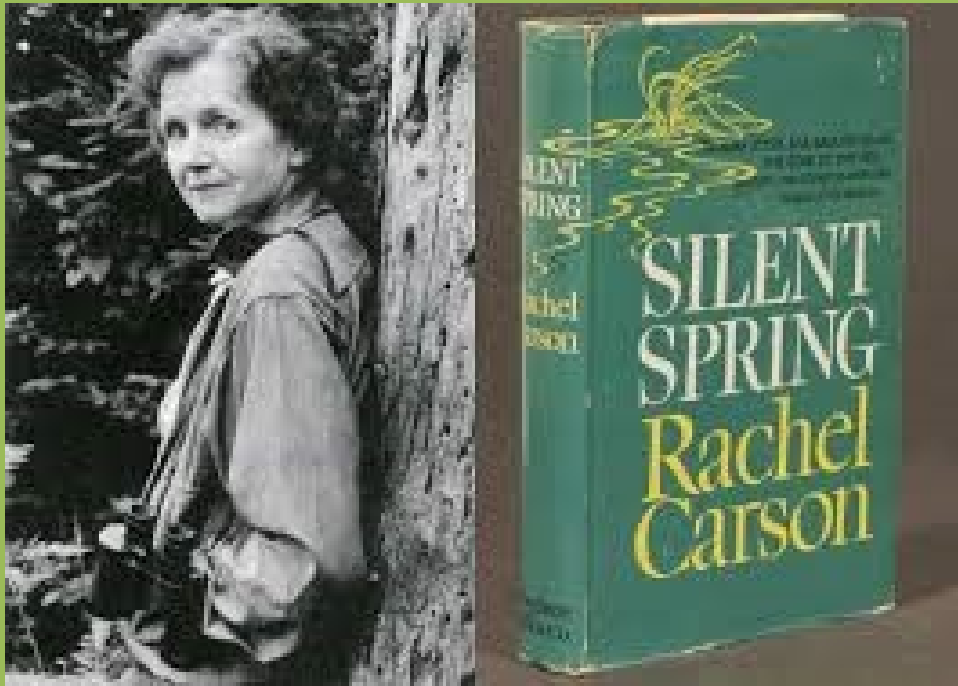






Roger Heim  
1900–1979

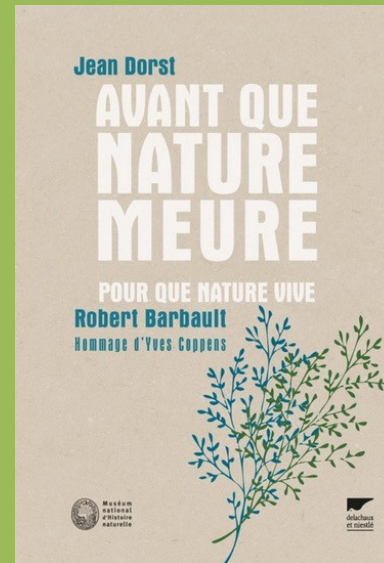
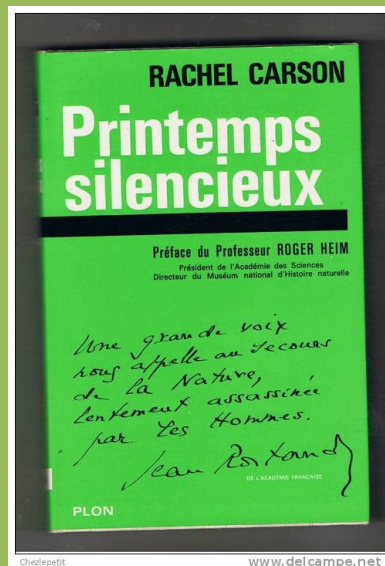




**Rachel Carson**  
 (1907–1964)  
Silent Spring (1962)  
 French Edition (1963)

**Jean Dorst**  
 1924–2001  
 With Audubon plates  
Avant que  
Nature Meure (1965)

New Edition (2012)





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# PATRIMOINE *naturel*



Françoise Dubost



Robert Poujade ( 1928–)  
First Minister of the Environment, 1971–1974



1984–2010



2010–

“It has often been said that all we do is reproduce with a time lag of a few years the evolution of American society,” but France has the political responsibility to “assume the future otherwise than as an unavoidable fatality.”

Robert Poujade, Le Ministère de l'Impossible (Paris: Calman-Lévy, 1975), 7.